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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Official Action dated July 18, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0024], as follows (a marked-up version of amended paragraph [0024] is attached hereto):

[0024] The nitriding depth of the conical surfaces 11 and 12 is about 200 to 800 μm and the γ' -connecting layer or ϵ -connecting layer is approximately 1 to 20 μm , preferably approximately 10 μm , thick. The γ' -connecting layer is an iron/nitrogen layer with the chemical designation Fe₄N. By contrast, the ϵ -

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